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## **EDITORIAL**

**O**ur world's transformations require thinking complexity, which is truly one of the most exciting challenges we can take up, because a multidisciplinary, transverse and global approach has to be involved instead of the usual monocular and segmented one. **Globe Expert**, the information system of analysis designed for the G-MAP's use, is in line with this logic of complexity. This is notably due to its **forecasting simulations** functionalities. Indeed, its program crosses entropy, statistics, mathematical modelling, semantic analysis, neural and genetic algorithms, such as those known as “the prey and predator” or “the colonies of ants”, and applies them to the international flows of information. The result is an amazingly dynamic system, which generates, on its own, maps not only objective but also objectifying for the expert who experiences them.

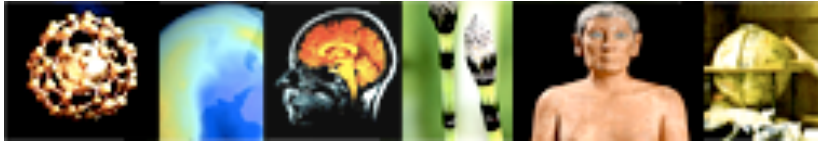
**A**s climate and environment constitute one of the four main fields of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century major transformations such as defined by G-MAP, the **Copenhagen** summit offered us a relevant opportunity for first publishing forecasting scenarios according to its current news. These simulations have brought to light some facts, which are already confirmed, others to be monitored as well as risk indexes, thresholds of criticality and key-factors of dynamics. For example:

- The rise of the civil society, with a converging dynamics of the environmental, economic and societal concerns;
- The different deadlocks: the hindered situation of the US, the European “unpersuasiveness” in spite of its assets regarding the environmental initiatives;
- The constant threat of the agricultural and food issue;
- The matter of the technological transfers to the emerging and developing countries;
- The complexity of an African situation, which could not be solved only by financings and transfers of technologies;

*You can access these analyses and simulations from the videowall of the Globe Expert site: <http://open.globe-expert.info>.*

**B**eyond the specific simulations, their map renderings and the detected “hot spots”, the **perspective of these analyses and scenarios** calls also for some observations and questions of which some follow.

- The climatic issue is quite novel. For the first time, the humankind, its different entities of governance are facing with a really global, planetary issue. Even the Second World War and the bipolarisation of the world did not provide such a precedent.
- The climatic issue acts as revealing and multiplying other questions at stake.



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- Concerning the new geopolitical balance, which was unsurprisingly confirmed, the objective alliance between the USA and China, the unpersuasive attitude of EU and Japan, however considered as the “good pupils” with regard of climate and environment, the making a tool of the developing countries, we can raise the question of an ancient and repetitious pattern, not to say the obsolescence of a world which does not resolve itself to die while a new one does not succeed in coming into existence.
- The rise of the civil society questions us about democracy in general, at least where it is a reality, and about the democracy of opinion more specifically, but also about the governance, the balance of power within the Cities and the pressure struggles.
- A new field is certainly being opened for international law, the one of environmental law, from the climatic refugees’ statute to the definition of environmental offences and “crimes”.
- Ultimately, the question of a major transformation is raised, therefore the question of necessity and ability to innovate for humankind is also raised.

**In** the next few months, we shall have the opportunity to go back over these topics, which are at the heart of the deliberately ambitious **programme of research**, which will be launched by G-MAP in 2010.

We shall talk about it again!

**For** the time being, I let you discover the news of the G-MAP’s members and the extracts of two perfectly achieved and original books for offering to friends or to yourself in this season’s greetings.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Valerie Fert**  
**G-MAP President**

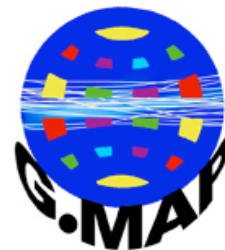
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## NEWS OF THE G-MAP'S MEMBERS

**Valerie Fert** and **Thierry Lorho**, founding members of G-MAP, introduced Globe Expert on November 19th, at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. In addition to Faculty members of the GCSP, representatives of different international organisations - Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, United Nations for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs – were present as well as representatives of the University of Geneva, of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and of the University of Lyon (France).

**François Mabilie** joined G-MAP as an associate member. Former Dean of the Arts and Social Sciences Faculty at the Paris Catholic Institute (2005-2009), François Mabilie holds a PhD in Political Sciences. His research interests include topics related to international relations, security, conflict prevention, NGOs and religious issues.

**Jean Vaissié** joined G-MAP as an associate member. Chief officer (rtd) of the French Air Force, first qualified as a captain within the Military Airlift Command, then assigned as an engineer in the field of innovation and R&D at national and international level, he developed an interest in neurosciences and cognitive sciences. He is now operating in the field of acquisition of knowledge in complex situation.

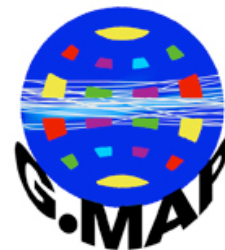
**Cyril Musila**, associate member of G-MAP, took part in the Consultative Council of the Peace Artisans, from November 24<sup>th</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup>, in Costa Rica. He gave a lecture on “Peace Building in the African Great Lakes Region”. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, he will debate with the Minister of Plan of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at IFRI (Institut Français des Relations Internationales).

**To know more:** [http://www.ifri.org/?page=detail-contribution&id=5661&id\\_provenance=79&provenance\\_context\\_id=](http://www.ifri.org/?page=detail-contribution&id=5661&id_provenance=79&provenance_context_id=)

**General (rtd) Daniel Schaeffer**, associate member of G-MAP, former defence attaché to the French embassies in Bangkok, Hanoi and Beijing, was one of the international scholars invited by the Vietnamese Academy of Diplomacy and the Vietnamese Law Association for discussing territorial disputes in the South China Sea. The conference took place on November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, in Hanoi.

**Tanguy Struye de Swielande**, founding member of G-MAP and coordinator of the Chair “EU – China” at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), informed us that first analytic memos were available on-line: “Maritime Piracy”, “China and Soft Power”, “The Chinese Offensive in Africa”, “Chinese Military and Space Strategy”.

**To know more:** <http://www.uclouvain.be/269395.html>



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After the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPBC) was established in New York in 2006, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) – where G-MAP founding member **Marc Finaud** teaches –, along with the Geneva Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (IHEID), the Quaker UN Office (QUNO), and Interpeace, developed a network of Geneva-based governmental and non-governmental institutions active in all fields of post-conflict recovery and long-term peacebuilding. This network, called the **Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP)**, now coordinates and promotes the expertise of more than 70 organisations, while liaising with the New York-based UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO). On the occasion of its Annual Forum, the GPP recently hosted the new Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding, Judy Cheng-Hopkins.

**To know more:** [www.gpplatform.ch](http://www.gpplatform.ch)



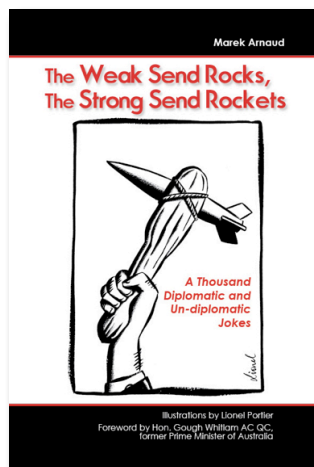
**The World Meteorological Organisation building in Geneva. It hosts, among others, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. It was designed for fulfilling the environmental requirements. The decision to create the IPCC was made within its confines, in 1988.**



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## BOOKS EXTRACTS



### *“The Weak Send Rocks, The Strong Send Rockets”*

**By Marek Arnaud**  
**Strategic Publishing Group**

**B**ehind this enigmatic title, you will discover a fascinating compilation, in English and in French, of aphorisms and maxims, which 20 years in the backstage of international politics inspired to a European career diplomat. From the dark times of the Soviet Union, the decades-long strife of the Middle East to the sunny beaches of Australia, Arnaud’s special brand of often politically incorrect satire will have you laughing out loud. These aphorisms, which prove that humour is the necessary condition for surviving, are completed by quotes, jokes and anecdotes emailed by friends and colleagues. This book will be a “must” for all them who share his aversion for the politicians’ double speaking and the technocratic waffle. A short sample for whetting your appetite before you order this book and enjoy reading it.

*✍ A lesson sometimes forgotten: if you send your troops for a trip they may trip into a trap.*

*✍ In some countries, women are sentenced to be stoned. Those countries are still in the Stone Age.*

*✍ People are fed up with urban violence: they want to live in cities not in atrocities.*

*✍ The blindness of Justice is in the eye of the beholder.*

*✍ Because of its price, real estate in Sydney should be called surreal estate.*



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*✍ In the Middle East peace process, you need to be dead serious about the deadline in order to break the deadlock.*

*✍ The Oslo Process: Oh! Slow Process!*

*✍ Many people ask what the price of peace will be. They don't ask what the cost of war is.*

*✍ There are those who aim at a noble peace, and others at a Nobel Peace Prize.*

*✍ In the Foreign Service, people are used to lip service.*

*✍ The end of the Cold War was warmly welcomed.*

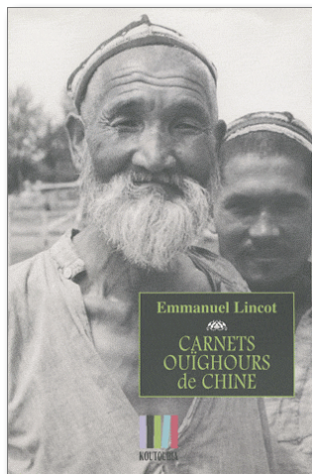
*✍ L'abstention aux élections françaises expliquée par la pauvreté : certains votent, d'autres vivotent.*

*✍ Dans des réunions de chefs d'Etat, certains sont des potes et d'autres des despotes.*

*✍ Le passé explique le présent, mais il complique l'avenir.*

**To order:**

<http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/TheWeakSendRocksTheStrongSendRockets.html>

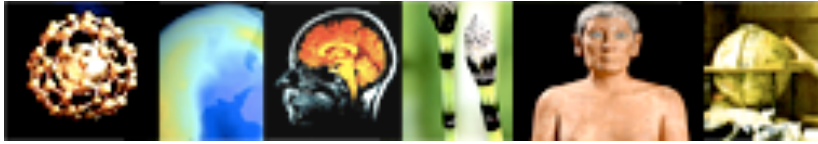


## ***“Carnets Ouïghours de Chine”***

**By Emmanuel Lincot**  
**Editions Koutoubia**

*Emmanuel Lincot is director of the Chair of Chinese Contemporary Studies at the Paris Catholic Institute. His research interests include the Chinese cultural history.*

**T**his book is an actual travel journal, the diary of a voyage from the Jades Pavilion in the Forbidden City to the Kirghiz border. The author writes down his meetings, feelings and reflections, developing an impressionistic style. His close knowledge of China and his imposing culture prompt us to know more about this Chinese Xinjiang (New Border), called



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Turkestan by the Uyghurs, the last region of the world still unmapped a century ago. The times changed: high roads, airports were built up. Waves of Han migrants settle in here as they do in the neighbouring Tibet, changing dramatically the traditional way of life. The tensions increase. Bombings occur. A resistance, most of the time passive, is organised. Nevertheless, they bear witness to a fact: the great dream of the national Chinese state meets its limits. The Oyghurs' religious and identity frustrations will fuel rebellions for long.

### **Inshisha**

*« Le matin, tout est calme. Quelques ânes remorquent leur cargaison de melons ou de bois morts sous les tonnelles de coloquintes. Des muezzins psalmodient les prières. Je suis assis sur un billot de bois, sirotant un thé aux côtés d'autres hommes équipés de tuniques et de bottes qu'ils s'appêtent à ôter pour se recueillir dans une mosquée voisine.*

*Les mosquées et les écoles coraniques du Xinjiang sont sobres. Seule la porte est parfois richement décorée de svastikas, réminiscences des croyances zoroastriennes, qui complètent la beauté des tapis où s'entrelacent des motifs. Les Ouïghours du Sud ont préservé une tradition soufie qui eut à souffrir des persécutions maoïstes et staliniennes.*

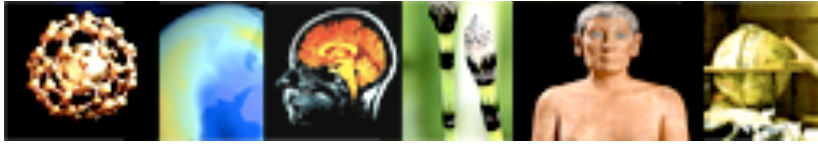
*Il y a moins de cinquante ans, dans ces oasis proches du Tibet, l'exégèse coranique se lisait encore en persan. Si elle n'est pas l'apanage du soufisme d'Asie centrale, la tradition littéraire mystique persane se retrouvait au Tibet, sous la plume notamment d'un poète nommé Fazil Allâh, traducteur en vers tibétains du Gulistân et du Bustân du fameux poète persan du XIIIe siècle Sa'dî, particulièrement prisé et cité par les savants de la Naqshbandiyya.*

*Célèbre confrérie soufie, la Naqshbandiyya a établi en Chine turcophone un vaste réseau de solidarités à partir du XVIIe siècle. Elle n'a cessé de véhiculer la théosophie d'Ibn Arabî (1165 – 1241) qui intervient dans le monde et dans son cours historique, comme pratique et comme doctrine prônant l'accomplissement de la règle dite du « voyage dans la patrie » (safar dar watan).*

*La pensée d'Ibn Arabî a inspiré le grand mystique Attar au XIIe-XIIIe siècle. Dans l'un comme pour l'autre, hors de Dieu, rien n'existe vraiment. Il faut donc chercher la proximité de ce Dieu intérieur à l'âme, dont il est le vrai soi. A travers leur œuvre, domine la conception d'une idée parfaite et pure, le Dieu des philosophes occasionnalistes comme Descartes et Malebranche.... »*

### **Kachgar**

*« Vieille ville. Elle a des allures de Casbah. Des effets de contre-jour dans les ruelles me font penser à Peshawar non loin de la frontière afghane. C'est la ville originelle, en partie circulaire, et établie à l'intérieur des anciennes murailles qui existaient avant l'arrivée de l'armée Rouge. Elle se déploie dans un entrelacs de petits immeubles, d'escaliers, de petits terrains vagues, d'appartements à moitié vides, de cours intérieures magnifiques dans la fraîcheur... D'autres ruelles sont plus animées, avec leurs minuscules boutiques de fruitiers, d'épiciers, de marchands de sucreries et de gâteaux à l'huile que les Hui appellent youxiang,*



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*de barbiers enfin rasant de près de solides gaillards kirghizes et tadjiks venus de leur montagne.*

*Véritable ville-monde, Kachgar était en interaction avec la Chine, la Turquie, la Russie, l'Europe et l'Asie centrale. Pendant des siècles, nomades et sédentaires ont cohabité dans sa périphérie. De cette fusion de tant de peuples naquit au Moyen Age un âge d'or de la culture et de la science avec Al-Khawarizmi (IXe siècle) dont le nom fut transcrit en latin (Algoritmus), mais aussi Al-Biruni (Xe siècle), géologue et grand voyageur qui, à l'instar d'Hérodote, laissa à la postérité la description d'un grand nombre de peuples de l'Asie. L'indépendance des anciennes républiques soviétiques de l'Asie Centrale a permis de se réapproprier un ensemble d'identités que ce soient de grandes figures de la théologie comme Ismaïl a-Boukhari (IXe siècle), auteur du plus important recueil de hâdiths ou les Moutazilites qui souhaitaient concilier foi et raison... »*

### **Epilogue**

*« La notion d'idjma (accord unanime de la communauté), dans le monde musulman, joue un rôle théologique et politique central. Si l'on se tourne vers la Chine, l'impératif d'harmonie renvoie dans ce pays à une vision de la légitimité fondée sur la fusion des différents ordres de la volonté humaine, de la morale et de la nature, qui exclut de considérer positivement le conflit. Les unités de bien commun et de cohésion sociale s'y superposent complètement.*

*La pensée chinoise a toujours reconnu l'idée non d'un équilibre entre des pouvoirs et des contre-pouvoirs, ni d'une unité de la communauté dont l'expression la plus haute fut en Islam le Califat, mais bien de « contre-règles en consonance avec le Dao » (fanding hedong). Entre la règle fixe et le Dao en mutation perpétuelle il n'y a pas contradiction mais complémentarité.*

*Tant l'exercice du pouvoir que la vision chinoise du monde relèvent d'un accommodement constant entre la règle et le Dao. Conséquence de cette économie politique, l'accomplissement de la souveraineté ne s'acquiert que comme une entreprise de transformation collective à partir d'un esprit qui s'établit au centre. Elle confond dans ses institutions le légal, le politique, le moral, le religieux en une même immanence.*

*Elle s'oppose pour les Ouïghours au devoir légal communautaire d'un peuple dont la religion est attachée à une langue sacrée, l'arabe, et à un ordonnancement théologico-politique de sa propre société. »*

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